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I am Providing Testimony today in favor of Bill#5283, which equalizes funding for ag programs with other school choice programs, so more students can enroll in the future.

By increasing the funding and shifting the financing away from the sending towns it will allow for more enrollment in the Agricultural Programs across the state. More students will have the ability to pursue their interest in agriculture-related careers, which we rely on in our daily lives. Examples are not only for food, but for florists, veterinarians, landscape managers, etc. Being a graduate of this program allowed me to attend an Agriculture college and earn 2 degrees in Turf management and Plant Science.

I would also think that this would allow for more employment within the host school districts. Not only for more Agricultural teachers but for the core subjects as well, English, Math, Science, Social Studies. The increased funding would also allow for the host districts to pay for the additional staff and resources that would be required with more students.

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